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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Proposed Acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I am a resident of New Lenox, IL, have been for 13 years, raising two small children. I am writing to let you know that I am formally opposing the proposed Canadian National Railway acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad. A few of my reasons are listed below:

Concept for Increase in Noise, Vibration and Pollution

I purchased my home knowing that there was a rail line nearby; but, I also knew that there were only about six trains that ran on it per day. You are proposing to increase the number of trains to twenty-eight per day. Your Environmental Impact Study does not address exactly how I am supposed to cope with the increase in noise, vibration, pollution and inconvenience that the increase in trains will bring to my family and myself.

Environmental Impact

I looked through the Environmental Impact to Study that relates to the acquisition of the EJ&E by the CN and I can't find a significant section that discusses the impact on pedestrians and bicyclists. My family and I enjoy the wonderful bike paths through New Lenox and Frankfort, and use them frequently. I also cross these tracks several times a day, as I also work in the area. I can't believe that your report does not even seem to touch on this issue.

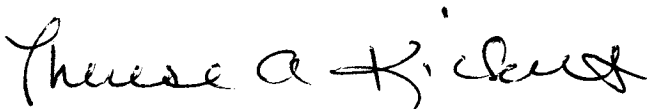
CN Safety Record

It has been 25 years since the EJ&E tracks in Frankfort have received major repairs. Considering CN's reluctance to implement Canadian safety measures, and its employees' "culture of fear," does the STB expect CN to honor US safety requirements? Please give CN's safety record your utmost priority when considering this purchase.

The Cost to US Taxpayers

The \$40 million CN has proposed to spend on infrastructure improvements is a drop in the bucket. Who will pay for the rest of the underpasses, grade separations and projected necessary infrastructure improvements that are needed to support projected population growth. Who will pay for the anticipated decline in property values? If the STB approves this transaction, then CN should be required to pay.

Respectfully,



Therese A. Kickert